

CONVICTS WILL BE BANQUETED ON CHRISTMAS

Superintendent Cleofas Romero of State Penitentiary Arranges for Big Spread for Prisoners.

Complying with the time honored custom of treating the prisoners in the New Mexico penitentiary to a royal spread on Christmas day, Cleofas Romero, superintendent of the institution, has prepared a big feed for his wards this year. Christmas day will be a holiday of course and no stone will be broken and no bricks manufactured. The prisoners will be permitted to do almost as they like provided they remain inside the outside walls. Even the livers will be given an opportunity to walk up and down the corridors and look out on the beds of life and light. The menu for the Christmas day spread this year will consist in part of roast pork, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, celery, apple pie, and coffee. Through the courtesy and kindness of Gross Kelly and company of Las Vegas, they will each be furnished with a cigar. From Charles Hild and company of Las Vegas, cigars and cakes; H. B. Cartwright and Brother of Santa Fe, with cakes; Nathan Salmon and William Brothers of Santa Fe, each man will be given an orange and candy for each man has been furnished by H. S. Kaune and company, Frank Andrews and the Parlor Meat Market, all of Santa Fe.

CHINK'S LID CAUSES ARREST FOR SMUGGLING

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—A black derby hat, with the initials "C. W. L." stamped inside, taken from a smuggled Chinese, was used by Captain Connell of the immigration service yesterday as evidence in the arrest at San Diego of C. W. Lung, a storekeeper, on a charge of conspiracy to smuggle Chinese and opium.

The Chinese from whom the hat was taken was deported and refused to divulge the name of the owner from whom he had borrowed it. He was caught in a Pullman car on the way from San Diego to Los Angeles. C. W. Lung was in the same car and refused to claim the hat or acquaintance with the prisoner. The master of the hat was consulted and it was found, Connell says, to have been sold to Lung.

L. W. Noel of San Diego, arrested Wednesday, is said to have implicated Lung when he confessed the smuggling secrets.

MEXICAN BANDITS TO ENTERTAIN THE MICHIGAN BOYS AT CLUB ROOMS

Federal Troops Sent Into Mountains After Rebel Bands; Kill Former Captain of Rurales.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Advices from Naco yesterday told of the killing of Rafael T. Romero and probably of Jesus Buena also, and of the wounding of a third bandit named Arvaca, near Arizpe. The two former were heads of the band of bandits that caused some alarm in and about Cananea early last week. The report stated that the party of federal troops had gone in pursuit of the band, came upon them and killed Buena, that Arvaca was wounded and captured, and that the band was broken up and put to flight, thus removing all cause of alarm in the section that they had been seeking to intimidate. Rafael T. Romero was formerly prefect of the Hermosillo district and commandante of the Rurales until a recent date. Early this month he went to Cananea and was very bitter in his denunciation of the band and subsequent disorder followed, with his death as the result.

Jesus Buena was an ex-captain in the Mexican army, and has been equally guilty in outlawry with Romero.

NINE VAGRANTS IN POLICE COURT TODAY

Because of the cold weather and the innate desire of all real hoboes to find a climate whose rigors are not too severe for their worn and tattered raiment, there was an unusually large list of vagrants in police court this morning, caught as they were passing through the city to a warmer climate.

Hobodom has its news sources just as does the rest of the world, and every winter there are a large number of the Great Unemployed who come to the southwest in search of warmth and ease. The rigors of the recent storms have left the air in Albuquerque rather less balmy than usual, and they have been disappointed. There have been comparatively few tramps through here this winter, but increasing cold in the north brought several here last night. The police rounded up the bunch, and this morning they one and all drew 10 day or dollar sentences, when arraigned before Judge George B. Craig.

The men who were sentenced for vagrancy were John Wilson, James Martinez, Francisco Matquez, Frank Smith, J. S. Moore, C. W. Zahl, John Francis, John Pettus and Eugene Pet. The last two are negroes. James Montaner drew a five day or dollar sentence for drunkenness.

WOMEN SHOULD HAVE THE INITIATIVE IN MATRIMONY.

Declares Boston Professor of Social Science, Who Believes Females Should Be the Proposing.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—A statement made by George Willis Cooke, lecturer at the Boston School of Social Science, in a lecture yesterday, is the effect that women should take the initiative in matters matrimonial, rather than the men. It is Mr. Cooke's idea that the supremacy of man in the family is untenable, and that conditions would be bettered by an equity of the sexes. "A girl by all means," said he, "should propose to a man if he is her ideal. Economic independence will give them this liberty. With the coming of suffrage they will act for themselves, not only politically, but socially."

"Diffidence and shyness of girls in love making is a subterfuge—a part of the present social teachings. When women are taught to learn to act naturally their present false modesty will fall away and they will do the proposing, as they ought."

"Shyness and diffidence are not essentially feminine qualities, but simply the result of teaching. Among the Zuni Indians these qualities are exactly changed. It is the boy who is called modest, diffident and shy. This is plain, for there he loses his own home when married, just as the girl does here."

"Another reason why women should do the proposing is that they are getting better educated than the men, and therefore will select more intelligently and will be more cautious. Marriage will be happier, and in time it will be the women who will do the courting."

GUEST SETS FIRE TO THE HOTEL

Puts Out Blaze Without It Being Discovered, Says Hill, and Proudly "Beats It."

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 21.—The Sunset hotel came close to having a disastrous fire some time Friday night. When the chambermaid yesterday morning was making her rounds she entered a room on one of the upper floors and much to her astonishment found there had been a fire.

The blaze had destroyed the blankets, quilts and a portion of the mattress of the bed. The room was in disorder and its entire interior resembled an incipient fire sale.

The guest who had occupied the room the night previous had gone, and with him the story of how it happened. It is supposed that in some manner the bedding took fire in the night, possibly from a misplaced cigar or cigarette stub, or a match carelessly thrown down.

The blaze quickly spread before the occupant of the room could get into action. To extinguish it, the room looks as though he had used what water there was in the wash pitcher, and that not having entirely finished the job he attempted to smother the flames of the flames with a blanket. By this process he succeeded, although the bed and bedding were practically destroyed. He let the smoke out through the window, said nothing to anyone, came down early yesterday morning and paid his bill and then quietly slipped out of town.

The Insurance Loan & Land company settled the insurance loss, and Landford Klein has no hope of making recovery from his guest.

WOMEN ARE GIVEN INVITATION TO SMOKE

London, Dec. 22.—"Ladies and gentlemen, you may smoke."

Viscount Halifax almost used these words at the Savoy hotel today when he was presiding over a dinner held in aid of the building and endowment fund of the Bedford College for Women. The premier was there with his wife and daughter. What Lord Halifax did say was:

"I am directed by the large body of women present to intimate to you that smoking by either sex will not be objected to."

Mrs. Asquith and Mrs. Winston Churchill were among the many ladies who immediately lighted cigarettes, showing that however wrong it may be considered in the United States, smoking by women in public is permissible in London.

Soon after, at the Savoy theater, Mrs. Cameron Swann boasted to a meeting of suffragettes how she had tried to upset the dinner because Mr. Asquith was there. She had walked up to the top table and tried to pull off the cloth, and then she was put out, she said.

PARAGUAY MAY BE FACING CRISIS

French Minister Unable to Communicate With Government Because of Revolution is Belief.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Paris, Dec. 22.—The French foreign office is unable to obtain replies to cables addressed to M. Bello, the French minister at Assunção, the capital of Paraguay. It is thought at the foreign office that Assunção, which has a population of 50,000 has been surrounded by victorious Paraguayan insurgents. The revolutionary movement was started about a month ago.

EIGHTH GRADERS INVADE HIGHLAND PARK TODAY

Celebrating their release from the school room for the holiday vacation, every boy and girl in the eighth grade at the Highland high school repaired to the Highland park this afternoon and participated in the biggest jinks and jollification of the year thus far. The boys rustled logs and soon started a boxing bonfire. The girls proved that they were skilled in domestic science, even if it isn't taught in the city schools. A menu was soon served, consisting of toasted marshmallows, popcorn, hot chocolate and other eatables.

EXERCISES IN THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS

Exercises were held in all the city and parochial schools of Albuquerque today, marking the beginning of the Christmas vacation. The programs were in many cases splendid and were attended by friends of the pupils and of the schools.

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In banking circles there is also a more hopeful feeling. A slight improvement in investment conditions is observable, and this tendency will probably become more marked as the time for the \$200,000,000 January disbursements approaches near. There is an abundance of capital awaiting employment and only two conditions appear to be necessary for venture, viz., safety of principal and good returns. Investors are insisting upon the latter more firmly than usual. In other words, capital, too, as well as labor is demanding better returns. A fair amount of new issues have recently been placed upon the market and have met with good success. The coming month will probably witness a number of additional new flotations.

The financial situation abroad shows further improvement. International friction is passing away. In London financial conditions are better, and less uneasiness is shown over the large amount of new security issues. British foreign trade is exceedingly large in volume, and this it should be remembered is the main source of British prosperity. In Germany there has been a very marked revival of trade since settlement of the Moroccan dispute. Banks in Berlin have stood the recent financial strain satisfactorily, and the situation there is gradually righting itself. Remarkable activity exists in the German iron trade, which just now is surpassing all previous records in output.

The German steamship business, like the British, is active and prosperous, promising to pay better dividends. The German cotton trade, like that of England and the United States, is being greatly assisted by cheap cotton. All Europe in fact is now enjoying a very fair degree of prosperity. It is hardly rational to suppose that the United States will stay long behind.

This country has been taking an enforced rest cure for nearly two years. Since the panic of 1907 conditions have never been entirely satisfactory. Liquidation, however, has been long and severe. There is less inflation and more soundness than at any time in the last four years. At least a moderate recovery seems justified. Business is already feeling somewhat invigorated and seems prepared to try for a fresh start in 1912. This is shown by the stronger undertone and the development of a more hopeful spirit. The chief drawback at the moment arises from uncertainty at Washington. Big business has not yet recovered its equilibrium from the sudden interference with its former methods of doing business. As reconstruction is widening deep in a period of uncertainty as to what the national legislature may do. Nevertheless as the adjustment to new conditions becomes more complete there will be less complaint on this score. The world refuses to stand still. Our own population is rapidly increasing. Food, clothing and shelter are being required in increasing quantities. Our

transportation facilities are overtaxed, and there is earnest demand for increased production and activity on all sides. This demand cannot be indefinitely ignored. New enterprises may be deferred until uncertainty is at least partially relieved, but production upon an increasing scale must go on as the country grows. In some cases consumption has been checked by high prices and the consequent reduced purchasing power of many consumers, but this hindrance is already finding relief in some directions by lower prices, notably in the iron and cotton goods industries. There are indications of a more cooperative spirit developing in congress, though it must not be forgotten that the temptation, if not necessary, for making an occasional display for political effect will remain until after the presidential election. Two weeks have passed without any harmful demonstrations.

The local money market has shown a slightly firmer tendency, as is usual toward the close of the year, but the return of ease will come after the middle of January, when the domestic money current will commence to flow this way. The low condition of bank reserves, meanwhile, need cause no anxiety, especially as large amounts of American money are still loaned in Europe. Our credit abroad is being further strengthened by the satisfactory condition of our foreign trade, exports still showing large gains over last year. The Hadley railroad report proved a thoroughly conservative and prudent document. Although it attracted less attention than it deserved, it will have an important effect in preventing further illogical attacks upon the railroads.

ROSWELL WANTS HILL ON EDUCATION BOARD

(Roswell Record.)

One of the committees of boards the first state governor of New Mexico will have to appoint will be the state board of education. The constitution of the state provides that this board be composed of five members, one of whom must be the governor, another the state superintendent of schools and one county school superintendent.

C. C. Hill, a staunch adherent of Jefferson, of this city, is a strong contender for a seat on the board and has received the hearty support and encouragement of the prominent Democrats of eastern New Mexico. Many have written personal letters to the governor-elect urging that he appoint Mr. Hill as one of the board members.

A petition to the governor-elect is being circulated among the Democrats of Roswell and is being gladly signed.

Mr. Hill has been endorsed by the county superintendents of Eddy and Roosevelt counties, and the city school superintendents of Carlsbad, Artesia, Roswell, Lordsburg, Deming and other cities of New Mexico. The position is solely an honorary one, but much depends upon selecting the right man, as the board controls the school interests of the entire state.

Eastern New Mexico has yet to get a man upon the state board of education, but the chances now seem good, as no better selection than Mr. Hill could possibly be made by Mr. McDonald.

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